

[COMPANY LETTERHEAD]

On behalf of [company name], I hereby express support for the **Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) Hybrid Proposal** (referred to as the “Revised Project” in the Draft Subsequent EIR).

The RTRP Hybrid Proposal would include the construction of a new double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, a new 230/69 kV electrical substation, and new 69 kV subtransmission lines. The Draft Subsequent EIR examined the RTRP Hybrid Proposal and four other alternatives. Among the five project possibilities, the RTRP Hybrid Proposal is the most cost-effective and least-intrusive option to serve the needs of Riverside and our region.

RTRP is a critical infrastructure need for Riverside. The lack of a second connection puts Riverside’s 330,000 residents and the surrounding region in considerable public safety and economic danger. The loss or interruption of our sole connection to the grid (blackout) would adversely impact hospitals & trauma centers, jails, shelters, fire stations, traffic signals, schools, and businesses that serve the region and employ thousands.

RTRP will also provide Riverside with adequate transmission capacity to serve existing and projected electrical demand (load), long-term system capacity for load growth, and system reliability. Riverside’s sole connection is inadequate to serve the increased demand experienced during the summer.

Riverside is the most populous city in California that lacks a second connection. In 2006, the California Independent System Operator ordered Southern California Edison to create a second connection for Riverside to ensure the same reliability as other cities. In the best case scenario, if all approvals are obtained, the line will be built and energized in 2023. Seventeen years is an extraordinary long time to wait for a basic protection that all of our neighbors already have.

As such, to ensure public safety and protect the economic future of Riverside, [company name] respectfully urges the California Public Utilities Commission to approve the RTRP Hybrid Proposal without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [e-mail address and/or phone number].

Sincerely,

Name  
Title